



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In re application of: Poon et al.

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Application No.: 09/876,431

Examiner: Khaled Brown

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Title: DUAL FORCE MODE FINE STAGE
APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT B

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 22, 2002, the three-month period for response with a three-month extension of time which extends through April 22, 2003, please enter the following remarks. The Applicants previously petitioned for an additional two-month extension of time with the filing of a Request for Reconsideration on March 26, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claim.

47. (New) A scanning apparatus, the scanning apparatus being suitable for scanning an object along a first axis, the scanning apparatus comprising:
- a first actuator;
 - a first stage, the first stage being coupled to the first actuator, the first actuator being arranged to move the first stage along the first axis;
 - a second stage, the second stage being arranged to accommodate the object;